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Hearing – DHS Terrorism Preparedness Grants: Risk-Based or Guess-Work?

WHO: Committee on Homeland Security

Chairman Peter T. King (R-NY)

WHEN: 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 21, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

WITNESSES

PANEL I

The Honorable Michael Bloomberg

Mayor
City of New York
State of New York
Accompanied by:
Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly

The Honorable Anthony Williams

Mayor
City of Washington
District of Columbia
Accompanied by:
Chief of Police, Charles H. Ramsey

PANEL II

The Honorable George Foresman

Under Secretary for Preparedness U.S. Department of Homeland Security

BACKGROUND

Chairman Peter T. King will convene a full committee hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) process of awarding anti-terrorism grants. This hearing comes as a direct result of the recent DHS funding announcement that included 40% cuts to

New York City and Washington, D.C. – two of the highest risk cities in the country. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Washington, D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams will testify.